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MULTI-CULTURAL DAY COMES TO PORT HUENEME

Thursday, August 30, Naval Base Ventura County's (NBVC) Bolles Field will take on the look and feel of a multi-ethnic marketplace. The smell of an assortment of foods from many cultures will waft over the crowds as people find themselves swaying to the beat of the music, all part of the rhythm that is NBVC's Multi-Cultural Day. A number of NAVSEA Port Hueneme Surface Warfare Center Division employees will be participating in the event as part of their membership in the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee (EEOC). Even more will be attending the lunchtime event, which begins at 11:00.

The annual affair features a variety of ethnic foods, entertainment, and displays. The day will open with a traditional Chumash blessing and attendees will be able to visit displays sponsored by the various focus groups of the EEOC. EEOC Focus Groups participating in the event include: African-American, Asian Pacific Islander, Command Managed Equal Opportunity, Federal Women's Program, Hispanic Employment Program, Native American Indian/Alaskan Native, and People with Disabilities.

The EEOC at NAVSEA Port Hueneme, originally established to protect employment rights, has evolved beyond its role as guardian of civil liberties to that of promoter of tolerance and acceptance. Through early efforts of the EEOC, NAVSEA Port Hueneme has been able to experience the full potential of an increasingly diverse, but unified workforce.

Each year EEOC Focus Groups look forward to Multi-Cultural Day as an opportunity to not only share their own cultures, but to experience the variety of cultures that makes up the workforce of NAVSEA Port Hueneme. This year's entertainment will include a Native American Indian drumming group, Hindu dancers, and choral singing, among other things.

NAVSEA Port Hueneme is located at the Naval Base Ventura County Port Hueneme site. It is the Navy's premier in-service engineering and logistics center and has been in existence for 38 years. The command provides test and evaluation, in-service engineering, and integrated logistics support for weapon systems installed in the United States Navy fleet, United States Coast Guard fleet, and many foreign Navy fleets. NAVSEA Port Hueneme's vision is to provide safe, effective, and affordable weapon systems that enable ships and sailors to fight and win.

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